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# GUARDIAN

## Typhoon forces unit to move operations

By Master Sgt. Jon K. Scudder  
Tandem Thrust 03 Public Affairs  
May 5

U.S. NAVAL FORCES MARIANAS, Guam – Flexibility is often regarded as being the key to airpower.

However, living up to that mantra proved to be another matter, especially when Supertyphoon Kujira and its 150 mph winds forced the Air Force's 206th Combat Communications Squadron to move its Guam-based operations center from a tent to a hardened facility during Tandem Thrust '03, a multi-national exercise taking place in the Marianas Islands.

The 206th, an Air National Guard unit based at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, knew it was in store for some long work hours when the unit's weather thresholds and associated gauges were telling them that relocating expensive electronic equipment was a necessity due to the approaching storm.

Finding a safe location for the operations center was the first order of business. After some research, the group located an old galley at U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, commonly referred to as "Big Navy," that filled the bill.

With the typhoon making its trek towards Guam, Maj. Renee Blake, 206 CBCS commander, knew that the clock was ticking when she called her team of noncommissioned officers together.

"I sat down with our work center leaders and prioritized placement and movement of equipment," said Major Blake, referring to the 15,000 pounds of equipment to be moved into the galley and the 35,000 pounds of palletized and rolling stock

that needed to be warehoused.

Two of those she talked to was Tech. Sgt. Keith Wilson, NCOIC, Power Production, and Tech. Sgt. Karl Morris, 206 CBCS Deployment Manager.

"We decided to split into teams and attack several areas simultaneously," said Tech. Sgt. Wilson. "Some worked on taking down the tent, some worked on moving transit cases, and some worked on prepping the rolling stock and palletized equipment for movement to a warehouse provided by the base."

As the 206th worked furiously, members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28, better known as the Seabees, took notice and offered their assistance.

"It was a joint effort," said Tech. Sgt. Morris, who works logistical issues daily. "We couldn't have been ready for the storm without the Seabees," he added, referring to the forklifts, flatbed trailers and other specialty items that were needed.

"Each time we asked for help, EO1 [Equipment Operator Petty Officer 1st Class Bobby] Davis and the rest of the

Seabees did 300 percent more than we asked. They certainly lived up to the Seabees' reputation of 'can-do' spirit."

For the Seabees and their command master chief, Master Chief Constructionman Bob Evans, it was all in a day's work.

"Our real mission here is supporting those in need, and the Air Force needed us to help them move their gear," said Master Chief Evans. "It was an important task, and we were glad to help them out with their needs."

After 18 hours of continuous work, the move was done. Fortunately, the capricious Kujira headed south, sparing the Northern Marianas Islands and averting any further problems for the 206th. (*Pacific Air Forces News Service*)



Members of the 176th Wing's 206th Combat Communication Squadron and Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28 prepare a Lightweight Multiband Satellite Terminal for storage in anticipation of Supertyphoon Kujira in April. The typhoon, which just missed the Marianas Islands, came just prior to the start of Tandem Thrust, a multi-national exercise taking place in the Marianas and Hawaii.

# Guard will transform to 'Modern Minutemen'

By Master Sgt. Bob Haskell  
National Guard Bureau Public Affairs

(Army News Service, May 22, 2003) — National Guard leaders from the 54 states and U.S. territories supported the chief of the National Guard Bureau's initiative for transforming their organization into a force of "modern Minutemen that is more responsive for the American people" while meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on May 18.

The National Guard's adjutants general reached consensus with the ideas put forward by Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, the Guard Bureau's new chief, to consolidate separate state headquarters for members of the Army and Air Guard into joint, or combined, headquarters.

Idaho Maj. Gen. John Kane said the National Guard generals agreed the time is ripe for change and that they support the requirements for the 21st century that Blum presented during the spring conference of the Adjutants General Association of the United States. Kane is the association's president.

Blum has advocated transforming the command structures for the 460,000 members of the Army and Air Guard since becoming the Guard Bureau's 25th chief on April 11.

He has emphasized that idea to members of Congress, to the national news media, and to many members of the National Guard. He has also insisted that the National Guard will retain its war-fighting capabilities.

"Homeland defense is the National Guard's most important priority. Make no mistake about that. We have been performing that mission since 1636, and the

American people expect no less of the National Guard during these trying times," said the no-nonsense Blum about the war against global terrorism.

148,000 citizen-soldiers and airmen were serving in the United States and in 44 other countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan, on May's third Sunday when he met with the adjutants general, Blum pointed out.

"We will continue to honor that commitment by transforming into a more efficient and accessible force," he said. "We are not going to let turf and parochialism get in the way of doing what is right for America.

"We fight jointly, and we need to train and operate on a daily basis in a joint environment so we can make the transition [from citizen to soldier] very quickly. After all, our symbol is the Minuteman," Blum told Pentagon reporters on May 16. "We will be better understood by our active-duty counterparts. We will then be seen for what we are — reliable, ready, and accessible," he predicted.

Blum has ordered the National Guard Bureau, which currently consists of a joint staff and separate directorates for the Army and Air Guard, to become a joint headquarters by July 1 of this year. He has asked the states to establish joint headquarters, and do away with state area commands for Army Guard forces, by Oct. 1. *(This is an excerpt taken from Army News Service. The full article may be found at [www.dtic.mil/armylink/news/May2003/a20030522ngchange.html](http://www.dtic.mil/armylink/news/May2003/a20030522ngchange.html))*

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We welcome articles and captioned photos relevant to members of the 176th Wing. Submissions must be accurate in fact, and will be edited for clarity and length. Articles will be published as space permits. Submissions are due on Sunday of the UTA prior to the month the article will be published.

Submit articles as Microsoft Word attachments via e-mail. Photographs must be 300 dpi TIF or JPG images, also submitted as attachments via e-mail. Please send to both: [candis.olmstead@akanch.ang.af.mil](mailto:candis.olmstead@akanch.ang.af.mil) and [john.callahan@akanch.ang.af.mil](mailto:john.callahan@akanch.ang.af.mil).

We may be contacted at (907) 249-1342. The office is manned with Traditional Guardsmen, so please leave a message.

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# New fitness test on its way



## Are you identifiable?

The 176th Military Personnel Flight customer service office is in the process of issuing the all-new Common Access Card — a replacement for the military i.d. — to military members on Kulis. Activated members have priority, then ETS and promotions. There are sign-up spreadsheets on the Y: drive for May through 1 Aug 03.

Mass issue of the CAC will take place June 9 to August 25 on Elmendorf AFB in their Mobile Registration Unit, a trailer parked directly outside the 3rd Mission Support Squadron customer service entrance. All active duty, AF Reserve, Air National Guard, DoD civilians, and designated contractors will have to trade in their old identification cards for the new CAC by October 1.

To take advantage of the MRU on Elmendorf, personnel must schedule an appointment through the following website: <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/scheduler.htm>

Please be sure to keep your appointment, as they will be tracking no-shows, and we do not want the 176th Wing to be negatively represented.

By Senior Master Sgt. Sandy Shea  
Wing Fitness Monitor

The Air National Guard has a new fitness program. The goal is to motivate all members to participate in a year-round physical conditioning program.

The new fitness assessment will calculate your fitness age by scoring five fitness components; body composition, resting pulse, flexibility and two parts muscular strength and endurance.

Once wing members have been scored, data such as the “fitness age” per category, overall, and a rating will be determined.

For more details, go to the Y: drive under PT-2003/Fitness Assessment Preparation Guide.

The testing schedule is pending. POC is the author at ext. 1189.

## Wing members helping others the Alaskan way

By Capt. Candis Olmstead  
Public Affairs

There is a group of wing members that you may not have heard about, but you'll thank them if you ever find yourself needing extra meat to extend the family food budget.

Master Sgts. Jack 'Bo' Wagner, Joedy Wake and Mike Soik, Tech. Sgts. Larry Osborn and Kevin Thompson and Senior Airman Stan Montgomery and their families have helped more than 25 Kulis families with a program that supplies moose meat from collision recoveries.

They are on an Alaska State Trooper's dispatch list for organizations to call for salvaging moose meat after local accidents involving the big game. Local Guard members on the recovery team have a system in place, and once they receive a call — oftentimes in the middle of the night — the wheels are set in motion and the recovery begins.

Any Guard member can assist, whether to stretch the food budget or



**You should know...**

### The general thanks you

Brig. Gen. Gene Ramsay, after undergoing surgery in April, thanks members of the 176th Wing for his card and rose tree.

### Chief says 'I do' in the sand

Chief Master Sgt. Tammy Cribbs is now Chief Kimball after marrying her long-time love, Michael, on April 19th in Clam Gulch. They enjoyed the rest of the day among close friends digging for clams.

### Looking for a job?

There are full-time AGR and technician positions available with the 176th Wing. For vacancies, descriptions and requirements, go to <https://55.1.6.189> and click on “vacancies.”



Meghan Wake, eight-year-old daughter of Master Sgt. Joedy Wake, 176 MXS, is boning moose meat for hamburger after a collision recovery effort last November.

help an injured coworker who is out of work.

Osborn made a trailer and others have offered tools and opened up their homes to assist in the efforts.

If you are interested in helping out, call Master Sgt. Joedy Wake, ext. 1190.



Ranks are based on effective date of occurrence

## Promotions

*Through April 2003*

### Major

Jeffrey S. Campbell  
David W. Ham  
Roger A. Leblanc  
Maralee A. O'Meara  
Jason C. Weimer

### Captain

David J. Breun  
Russell L. Edwards  
Jason S. Gastrock  
Jeffrey Meinel  
Candis A. Olmstead

### 1st Lieutenant

Kelly A. McManus

### Master Sergeant

Robert W. Carte  
Thomas E. Dietrich Jr.  
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Gregory S. Pealater  
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### Technical Sergeant

Elizabeth A. Baker  
Curtis D. Brenton  
Cameron M. Hess  
Anthony J. Liberty  
Mark A. Patricks  
Heather L. Pineiro  
Marlene S. Windel  
Stephen J. Wolfe  
Mark A. Ziesmer

### Staff Sergeant

Jessica Alvarez  
Steven Aragon  
Nicholas T. Dillon  
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Casey J. Hill  
David M. Lewis  
Bradley E. Newton  
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Chad O. Seitz  
Michael J. Sicotte  
Earl J. Singleton  
Noel B. Sukhram  
David A. Victory

### Senior Airman

Jonathan P. Andrew  
James D. Campbell  
Brian A. Kean  
Leah B. Scott  
Earl J. Singleton

### Airman First Class

Arax J. Dailey

## Distinguished Grads

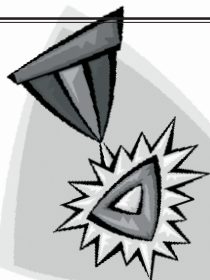
*Since June 2002*

TSgt Adam M. Baylor	176 AGS
SSgt Linda D. Fruster	176 AGS
SSgt Jonathan Hammond	176 ACS
SSgt Marc D. Hendrickson	176 AGS
SSgt Sharon L. Morrison	144 AS
SSgt Michael D. Pulanco	176 SFS
SSgt Julian R. Smith	176 CES
SrA William R. Hinman	176 SFS
SrA Adam M. Muller	206 CBCS
SrA Athena M. Moore	206 CBCS
SrA Howard A. Venable	176 CES

## Honor Grads

*Since June 2002*

SrA Jared M. Rogers	176 AGS
SSgt Christine Encelewski	144 AS
SrA Michael J. Lajcsak	176 APF
A1C Thomas C. Hough	144 AS



### Hammond is "tops"

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Hammond, 176th Air Control Squadron, earned a "100 percent" score at technical school recently.

A full-time "scope operator," Hammond joined the 176th Wing last November after a break in service from active duty Army.

Originally from Georgia, he returned to Alaska after serving here and in Arizona as a satellite communications technician.

"Alaska is the place I call 'home'," he said.

## CDCs ~ 90% and above

*Since November 2002*

MSgt Michael N. Johnson	176 WG
MSgt Scot R. Lambert	176 MXS
MSgt Kathryn I. Laubscher	176 WG
TSgt Mark A. Larroque	176 MXS
SSgt Laurence W. Clyde	176 MXS
SSgt Amber O'Neal	176 MSF
SSgt William M. Patton III	206 CBCS
SSgt Christopher Rothermel	176 MXS
SSgt Denny B. Walleette	176 AGS
SrA Nicholas T. Dillon	176 ACS
SrA Andrew G. Duren	176 CF
SrA Kevin A. McElhoes	176 AGS
SrA Rafael J. Quepons	176 MXS

## Lambert UCA of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. Victoria Lambert, unit career advisor for the 176th Maintenance Squadron, won UCA of the Year 2002 for the western division.

Lambert proposed and implemented many programs to shepherd the careers of squadron personnel, and created and developed systems to streamline and simplify processes.

A member of the Air National Guard for 25 years, she has worked diligently throughout her career, and is an asset to the unit.

## O'Keefe "Super" of the Year

Master Sgt. Michael O'Keefe, 176 Logistics Squadron, won the Air National Guard Eddie Speight Supply Superintendent of the Year Award for 2002.

As the wing's equipment manager, he is talented, meticulous and innovative.

Maj. Edith Grunwald, 176 LS Commander, says "O'Keefe epitomizes the Air Force Core Value, 'Service Before Self.'"



## Salute

The 176th Wing's personnel office is one of ten flights ANG-wide to be selected for the 2002 Air National Guard Outstanding Military Personnel Flight/Geographically Separated Unit Personnel Offices Award.

This award recognizes units that give outstanding service or make significant

## Kulis' MPF 'rocks!'

contributions to the Air Force.

The dedicated professionalism of the members of the 176th Wing's Military Personnel Flight has led the way in setting and exceeding superior standards.

"Every member of our team has earned this distinction through hard work, dedication and a strong commitment to the people they serve," said Maj. Marie Wauters, Military Support Flight commander and director of Personnel.

## Top airmen recognized

The annual 176th Wing Awards Ceremony is scheduled to take place in the Fuels Maintenance Hangar on Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m. All military members must attend and be in place by 8:30. POC's are Maj. Karen Peterson, ext. 1280 and Capt. Ed Soto, ext.1357.

## 176th Wing Enlisted Call

Saturday, June 7, 3 p.m.  
Hobbs Hall

Keynote speaker: ANG Command Chief Master Sgt. Valerie Benton

This is a great opportunity to meet the chief and hear her views. Check out her biography and photo at [www.ang.af.mil/hqang/cf/benton.htm](http://www.ang.af.mil/hqang/cf/benton.htm)

## Calling all runners...

The Kulis running team needs runners for the Klondike Relay, Sept. 5 - 6. Each person will run 5 - 16 miles. The relay is from Skagway, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon for a total of 110 miles. POC is Chief Master Sgt. Brian Shaffer, ext. 1875.



## Duty Calls

### Upcoming UTA dates

Month:	UTA:	Pay date:
June	7 - 8	18th
July	no drill!	no pay...
August	2 - 3	13th
September	6 - 7	15th

# 176th Wing Family Fun Day

The 176th Wing will celebrate another successful year with the annual Family Fun Day. There will be plenty of fun for everyone — food, games and events for children and adults!

## Family Fun Day

Sunday, June 8  
Noon to 4 p.m.

Food and drinks provided by Kulis Family Support and Guard Members

176th WG members are asked to **bring one of the following**:  
Last names A - K: dessert  
Last names L - Z: salad or chips  
Or a \$5 donation would be great!

## Fun Day Highlights

- Aircraft display
- Classic car display
- Weapons display
- Motorcycle show and shine
- Fire Truck rides 12 - 3 p.m.
- Free-throw shoot
- Frisbee throw
- Balloon dart throw
- "Jupiter Jump"
- Duck pond
- Ring toss
- Hair braiding
- Face and hair painting
- And a lot more!

### Other little details...

- ✓ Music will be provided by D.J. Master Sgt. Ronnie Stocks.
- ✓ Please remember to bring your food item or cash contribution.
- ✓ Be sure to get your tickets for door prizes.
- ✓ As a courtesy, please do not bring pets, roller blades, scooters or skateboards.

## Fundraisers...pitch in!

Volunteers for Kulis Family Fun Day have been working hard to raise money to help cover costs for this fun-filled event. You can help out by participating in Split the Pot or Pie-in-the-face!

POCs are Amber O'Neal, ext. 1371 and Bobbi Brauneis, ext. 1158, respectively.

## Free tickets for H<sub>2</sub>O fun!

Parents and children who play in the three-legged race will have a chance to play in the water! The top four winning pairs will win a set of two tickets to H<sub>2</sub>Oasis, Anchorage's new water park.

The race will be in the Chief's Pavilion, along with a tug-o-war competition.



**Come see  
Smokey  
Bear!**

## Helping those in need

### Bone marrow registry

There will be a marrow donor registration drive during Family Day in the main event area. Thousands are diagnosed with Leukemia and with the right marrow match, their lives can be saved. Please consider participating in the screening process; registration and blood draw only takes a few minutes.

### Prescription glasses donations

Do you have old prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses that you have stashed away? If you're not going to wear them, bring them on Family Day to help turn someone's dream for better sight into a reality. The collection spot will be at the fuel cell hangar on family day. POC is Senior Master Sgt. Rena Barrow, ext. 1541.

## Air Force launches parent pin program

Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper launched a service-wide campaign May 5 to thank the parents of America's airmen for their support of their children's service.

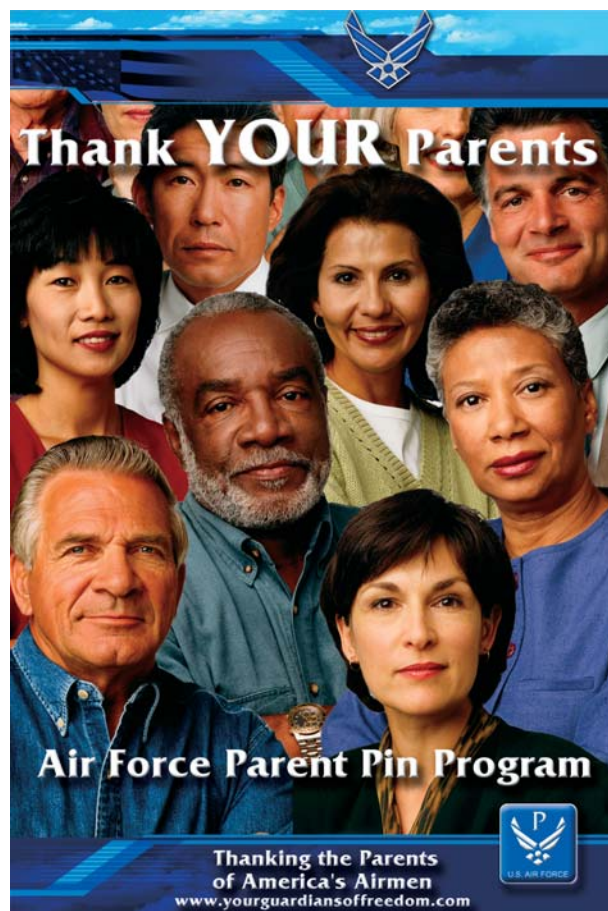
The Air Force Parent Pin — or "P" pin — program encourages airmen to register on a secure Air Force web site, [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com), where they can provide the names and addresses of up to two parents (or parental figures). Shortly thereafter, the airmen's parents receive personalized letters from Secretary Roche and General Jumper containing high-quality lapel pins displaying the letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol. All airmen — active, Guard, and Reserve — are strongly encouraged by their chain of command to register on the web site and have pins sent to up to two recipients.

The pins are a contemporary adaptation of the World War II "E" flags that were used to recognize companies for contributions to the war effort, and they are presented on display cards that explain their lineage. The letters address recipients and airmen by name. They are intended to communicate to parents the importance of their children's service to the ongoing war on terrorism, to express sincere gratitude for parents' continued support, and to convey a sense of partnership between the Air

Force and the parents of America's airmen.

This massive effort comes on heels of the Air Force's highly-successful "E" pin program, which represented the first direct-mail outreach effort from the leaders of *any* of the armed services to employers across America. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command airmen voluntarily submitted contact information for more than 60,000 employers, each of whom received an "E" pin and a personalized letter from the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff acknowledging them as partners in the war effort. Air Force leaders have received hundreds of supportive letters and e-mails from employers and airmen because of this program, and today, tens of thousands of employers are wearing Air Force "E" pins as pledges of support for the military service of their airmen.

Through a secure web location at [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com), the Your Guardians of Freedom pro-



gram offers a flexible, user-friendly set of web-based tools that allow commanders and their staffs to quickly and efficiently reach out to key audiences on their bases, in their communities, and beyond. (Released by SAF/PA)



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